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## Shipping Weight and Value; Customs District and Continent

This report presents statistics on U.S. exports and imports by air in U.S. customs district by continent arrangement. Data have been compiled from Shipper's Export Declarations (Commerce Form 7525-V) and import entries during the regular processing of statistical data on foreign trade shipments. The customs districts shown in this report are those having combined exports and imports by air valued at \$2 million or more during the preceding calendar year. A complete list of customs districts and ports is presented in Schedule D, Classification of U.S. Customs Districts and Ports for U.S. Foreign Trade Statistics, January 1, 1970 edition, as amended.

### Exports

These statistics represent exports of domestic and foreign merchandise combined and include government and nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from the United States to foreign countries. The statistics, therefore, include Department of Defense Military Assistance Program--Grant-Aid shipments, shipments for economic assistance under the Foreign Assistance Act, and shipments of agricultural commodities under P.L. 480 (The Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended) and related laws. Shipments to U.S. Armed Forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are not included in the export statistics. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and U.S. possessions and trade between U.S. possessions are not included in this report, but exports from Puerto Rico to foreign countries are included as a part of the U.S. export statistics. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through U.S. Customs, is excluded. (Foreign merchandise that has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently reexported is not treated as in-transit merchandise, and is included in this report.) The figures in this report exclude exports of household and personal effects, shipments by mail and parcel post, and shipments of airplanes under their own power.

For security reasons, certain commodities are designated as Special Category commodities, for which security regulations place restrictions upon the export information that may be released. The data shown in this report for individual customs districts and continents exclude exports of Special Category commodities, but overall shipping weight and value totals for Special Category commodities are shown. A list of Special Category commodities may be obtained from the Bureau of the Census.

Effective September 1970, sampling procedures have been reinstituted for estimating data on shipments valued \$251-\$499 to countries other than Canada. (Data for such shipments were fully compiled during January-August 1970, but sampling procedures were in effect for these shipments during October-December 1969 and for shipments valued \$100-\$499 prior to October 1969.) Therefore, effective September 1970, the statistics on exports of domestic and foreign merchandise to countries other than Canada reflect fully compiled data for shipments valued \$500 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued \$251-\$499, based on a 50-percent probability sample of such shipments. For exports to Canada there has been no change in compiling procedures and the statistics continue to reflect fully compiled data for shipments valued \$2,000 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued \$251-\$1,999, based on a 10-percent probability sample of such shipments. Shipping weight and value data are also estimated for shipments valued under \$251. These estimates are not included in the data shown for individual customs districts.

Since the export figures shown include estimates based on a sample of low-valued shipments, they are subject to some degree of sampling variability. The following is a rough guide to the general level of sampling variability of value totals, on a 2 chances out of 3 basis. Usually, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors.

Value totals for "Total" and "North America" of--	Proportion of cells with sampling variability of--			
	under 2%	under 5%	under 10%	under 20%
\$1,000,000 and over	.60	.75	.85	1.00
\$500,000-\$1,000,000	.20	1.00		
\$100,000-\$500,000	.30	.45	.70	1.00
\$20,000-\$100,000		.35	.70	1.00
Cells of under \$20,000	Are likely to have sampling variability from \$3,000 to \$15,000			

Value totals for continents of South America, Europe, Asia, Australia and Oceania, and Africa of--	Are likely to have sampling variability of--
\$300,000 and over	Less than 2%
\$100,000-\$300,000	Less than 5% with over half of the totals less than 2%
\$20,000-\$100,000	Generally less than 10% with over half of the totals less than 5%
Under \$20,000	Generally \$500 to \$5,000
Cells of \$0	Generally less than \$500

The sampling variability of shipping weight figures, in percentage terms, can be approximated by the percent sampling variability of value.

#### Imports

These statistics represent general imports, which are a combination of imports for immediate consumption

and entries into bonded warehouses. The statistics include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from foreign countries to the United States. However, American goods returned by the U.S. Armed Forces for their own use are excluded. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and with U.S. possessions and trade between U.S. possessions are not included in this report, but imports into Puerto Rico from foreign countries are considered to be U.S. imports and are included. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through U.S. Customs, is not reported as imports and is excluded from the data shown in this report. (Foreign merchandise that has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently re-exported is not treated as in-transit merchandise and is included in this report.) Imports of household and personal effects, imports by mail and parcel post, and imports of airplanes under their own power are not included.

The statistics shown for individual customs districts represent fully compiled data for shipments valued \$251 and over. Data for shipments valued under \$251, reported on formal and informal entries (informal entries generally contain items valued under \$251), are estimated from a 1-percent sample. Separate shipping weight and value estimates for shipments valued under \$251 are shown. The shipping weight data are estimated from the values on the basis of constants that have been derived from an observation of the value-weight relationships in past periods.

Since the statistics showing total value of imports by all carriers include sample estimates, they are subject to sampling variability. In general, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. Value totals of \$500,000 and over will generally have a sampling variability of less than 3 percent; value totals of under \$500,000 will generally have a sampling variability of less than \$50,000.

Table 1. Selected Customs Districts of Lading by Continent

(Data shown represent domestic and foreign merchandise. Shipments of Special Category commodities are excluded from all district and continent data. Estimated shipments valued under \$251 are excluded from all district data and data for U.S. flag carriers)

Customs district	Shipping weight (1,000 pounds)					Value (1,000 dollars)						
	Total		North America		South America		Europe		Asia		Africa	
	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers
Total, all carriers..	66,982	(X)	18,632	7,216	26,438	10,816	1,424	1,557	486,489	(X)	72,941	34,177
U.S. flag carriers.....	(X)	24,251	7,708	2,407	7,951	5,006	283	272	176,927	(X)	33,257	10,271
St. Albans, Vt.....	32	32	32	-	-	-	-	-	7	3	3	-
Boston, Mass.....	1,438	864	291	2	1,111	18	9	7	7,444	3	1,463	7
Buffalo, N.Y.....	259	193	192	-	66	(Z)	-	-	2,236	2,236	2,236	4
New York City, N.Y.....	24,709	7,359	2,454	1,767	15,913	3,368	233	974	67,752	14,418	12,534	4
Philadelphia, Pa.....	486	306	70	(Z)	276	110	(Z)	29	228,198	7,821	38,792	6
Baltimore, Md.....	30	30	29	-	1	-	-	(Z)	4,833	6	1,003	6
Savannah, Ga.....	246	243	88	-	148	(Z)	-	(Z)	68	68	7	-
Memphis, Tenn.....	246	243	88	-	148	(Z)	-	(Z)	485	485	303	11
San Antonio, Tex.....	328	96	300	24	(Z)	4	(Z)	-	20	20	11	-
Laredo, Tex.....	134	134	183	(Z)	11	-	-	(Z)	364	364	6	3
El Paso, Tex.....	225	225	225	-	-	-	-	-	775	505	747	2
Nogales, Ariz.....	63	38	63	-	-	-	-	-	1,064	1,064	-	-
Los Angeles, Calif.....	5,047	1,799	804	129	1,591	2,213	285	26	1,064	1,064	-	-
San Francisco, Calif.....	3,364	2,052	175	26	343	2,384	423	71	54,286	17,562	8,469	22,441
Portland, Ore.....	109	109	13	-	96	(Z)	-	(Z)	32,426	13,061	3,739	26,623
Seattle, Wash.....	1,122	801	314	11	217	562	9	9	1,467	1,467	1,386	7
Anchorage, Alaska.....	12	(Z)	(Z)	-	-	-	-	-	6,590	1,538	384	5,122
Honolulu, Hawaii.....	190	63	86	-	5	7	-	-	2,045	5,122	29	276
Great Falls, Mont.....	20	20	20	-	-	-	-	-	64	150	-	-
Pembina, N. Dak.....	15	-	15	-	-	-	-	-	32	204	694	-
Minneapolis, Minn.....	161	161	113	-	15	33	-	(Z)	-	-	-	-
Denver, Colo.....	151	151	113	-	15	33	-	(Z)	2,717	659	270	1,790
Detroit, Mich.....	1,091	938	407	29	624	11	6	15	42	42	-	-
Chicago, Ill.....	5,128	2,415	1,767	1	2,774	456	27	102	4,397	1,611	3,242	66
Cleveland, Ohio.....	358	143	301	(Z)	54	-	1	3	17,632	11,683	21,868	147
St. Louis, Mo.....	20	17	12	3	4	1	-	(Z)	610	1,565	271	2
San Juan, P.R.....	781	460	647	127	6	(Z)	-	(Z)	96	62	31	2
Miami, Fla.....	9,922	4,580	5,610	4,183	89	23	-	1	1,077	1,077	31	2
San Diego, Calif.....	1,367	314	314	282	282	114	-	6	1,232	1,543	203	73
Washington, D.C.....	459	459	68	11	374	5	-	146	13,176	15,109	862	137
All other districts.....	100	89	22	11	39	25	-	2	3,216	3,216	3,216	907
Shipments under \$251.....	9,031	(NA)	3,779	766	2,453	1,419	390	223	1,208	5	752	26
Special Category.....	898	665	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	12,963	26	501	28
									6,367	(D)	2,775	784
									(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)

D Data withheld to avoid disclosure of information for security reasons. NA Not available. X Not applicable. Z Less than 500 pounds or \$500.



## U.S. GENERAL IMPORTS BY AIR

Table 2. Selected Customs Districts of Unloading by Continent

(Estimated shipments valued under \$251 are excluded from all district data and data for U.S. flag carriers. Total columns include a small amount of shipments which are unidentified by continent)

Customs district	Shipping weight (1,000 pounds)						Value (1,000 dollars)					
	Total			Total			Total			Total		
	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers		All carriers	U.S. flag carriers		All carriers	U.S. flag carriers		All carriers	U.S. flag carriers	
	North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
Total, all carriers...	62,627	(X)	6,544	5,526	30,404	19,465	408	187	338,486	(X)	160,184	(X)
U.S. flag carriers....	28,188	2,564	2,302	12,269	10,834	178	38	3	83,711	55,502	1,271	656
St. Albans, Vt.....	10	5	3	27	1	(Z)	75	49	21	4	15	9
St. Albans, N.Y.....	867	175	5	1,679	27	(Z)	3,924	483	6,924	121	15	9
Buffalo, N.Y.....	88	8	1	1,679	27	(Z)	1,331	1,149	1,331	148	49	15
New York City, N.Y....	26,779	560	1,535	20,094	4,395	65	130	177,189	70,301	4,876	5,711	23,835
Philadelphia, Pa.....	659	328	1	(Z)	637	3	3	5,990	3,813	69	(Z)	176
Baltimore, Md.....	127	125	7	117	3	(Z)	640	624	559	16	(Z)	8
Savannah, Ga.....	122	118	6	115	3	(Z)	306	261	233	(Z)	16	(Z)
Tampa, Fla.....	4	3	1	1	(Z)	(Z)	27	12	31	(Z)	10	(Z)
New Orleans, La.....	294	291	1	(Z)	2	(Z)	247	102	108	8	1	1
Laredo, Tex.....	114	107	112	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	377	334	355	22	(Z)	(Z)
El Paso, Tex.....	15	12	(Z)	(Z)	3	(Z)	649	619	10	20	(Z)	(Z)
Nogales, Ariz.....	5	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	3	(Z)	35	9	35	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)
Los Angeles, Calif....	7,010	3,465	183	910	5,717	139	8	38,536	17,541	4,246	218	930
San Francisco, Calif...	5,373	3,931	127	4	297	4,859	85	1	35,766	816	67	7
Portland, Ore.....	4	3	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	26	20	14	5	2	5
Seattle, Wash.....	1,821	1,611	182	374	1,264	1	14,158	11,387	5,270	2,531	6,322	35
Anchorage, Alaska....	67	57	1	8	58	(Z)	394	204	6	185	203	(Z)
Honolulu, Hawaii.....	620	169	35	(Z)	6	31	2,284	722	29	3	1,953	280
Great Falls, Mont....	8	8	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	177	177	177	175	2	(Z)
Pembina, N. Dak.....	10	9	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	172	128	158	14	(Z)	(Z)
Minneapolis, Minn....	119	113	2	25	86	6	456	383	29	217	160	50
St. Louis, Mo.....	119	113	2	25	86	6	456	383	29	217	160	50
St. Paul, Minn.....	482	418	169	362	18	1	2,917	2,448	1,149	1,609	149	1
Chicago, Ill.....	3,236	1,725	263	17	2,008	931	4	12	24,740	13,519	2,848	26
Cleveland, Ohio.....	93	8	31	39	23	(Z)	474	40	196	251	26	(Z)
St. Louis, Mo.....	8	8	6	6	2	(Z)	186	189	186	10	(Z)	(Z)
San Juan, P.R.....	1,426	394	334	73	17	(Z)	1,905	785	973	413	785	6
Miami, Fla.....	5,912	2,682	3,290	189	69	(Z)	8,234	3,800	2,762	1,504	127	10
Houston, Tex.....	294	122	116	38	13	(Z)	2,806	3,311	359	316	359	1
Washington, D.C.....	336	308	5	326	(Z)	(Z)	2,801	2,483	2,733	54	(Z)	102
All other districts...	41	33	4	35	2	(Z)	1,715	1,615	117	6	1,592	6
Shipments under \$231...	5,704	(NA)	886	2,967	1,403	79	20	(NA)	3,618	1,711	96	24

Z Less than 500 pounds or \$500.

X Not applicable.

NA Not available.

- Represents zero.